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Its days were seventy years. "When seventy years are accomplished," scripturally is accomplished a perfect period.

At a public meeting held in the City Hall, August 17, 1860, initiatory steps were taken towards the erection of a monument. Gen. Roger C. Weightman was the chairman. Committees for the wards were appointed to receive subscriptions. The Civil War intervened and absorbed attention. The shaft in the Congressional Cemetery with the record of birth and death has on it chiselled:

In Memory of  
JOSEPH GALES  
For More than Half a Century  
The Leading Editor of  
The National Intelligencer  
A Journalist  
Of the Highest Integrity  
Ability, and Accomplishments,  
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This Monument is Erected  
By Representatives of the  
American Press  
In Philadelphia, New York  
and Boston.

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#### REMARKS OF WASHINGTON TOPHAM.

In my remarks following the reading of President Clark's paper, "Joseph Gales.—A Former Mayor of Washington," I stated that this subject was of unusual interest to me as the neighborhood of the home of Mr. Gales, corner of Ninth and E Streets, and the office of the *National Intelligencer* were the scenes of my earliest recollections and activities. My grandfather Enoch White, father of the late Geo. H. B. White, was a foreman of the composing room of the *National Intelligencer*

and highly esteemed by both Mr. Gale and Mr. Seaton. While in the service of the *Intelligencer* he lived across the street about where Odd Fellows Hall was afterward built, and there in 1829 my mother was born.

Opposite Mr. Gales' home on Ninth Street, above E, my grandfather, with James A. Kennedy, William W. Billing and a few others, founded and built the Ninth Street Methodist Protestant Church in 1833, the walls of which are yet standing, so like Mr. Davis, this old neighborhood was not only the scene of my earliest and happiest recollections, but that of my mother and grandfather as well.